

Applicants have made an earnest and *bona fide* effort to clarify the issues before the Examiner and to place this case in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all of claims 1-73 is believed to be in order, and a timely Notice of Allowance to this effect is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the foregoing, the Examiner is invited to telephone Dr. Christophe Moser at (626) 357-9600. He can normally be reached Monday through Friday from about 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Pacific Time.

Date: April 11, 2007

Dr. Christophe Moser